

GLAD TIDINGS



"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Psalm 92:1

*"When all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise."*



Daily Vacation Bible School
Happy Camp, Calif.

Evangelist Marjorie Johnson conducted a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School in the Happy Camp church. The pastor, E. W. Knutson, reports that everyone there was surprised to see such a good response to the school, and that the results will never be fully known this side of heaven. Sister Johnson's ministry was much appreciated by the older folk, too.

HOME INFLUENCE

A child can read a parent's character before he knows the alphabet. Home is the station of greatest responsibility.

The child is the canvas upon which the father and mother paint their own portraits.

"I'll take what father takes," was a boy's unconscious testimony to the truth of this principle.

Parental and family ties form one of the most potent means God uses in converting souls.

Home is the nearest and most promising field of Christian service. Nowhere will consistent Christian living and godly example go so far as there.

Millions could trace their religious faith to a mother's or a father's godly living and earnest prayers.

We must bear in mind that home life is the best test of Christian character. Home is the hardest place to play the hypocrite.

A godly home life is one of the best proofs of a true hope in Jesus Christ.

Let us, then, foster "home religion." Let the family altar be strengthened. Let our homes be like the home in Bethany, where Jesus loved to be a guest.

Let kindness, gentleness, and forbearing love make home more dear and precious. Keep the atmosphere pure and sweet. Do not reserve your best looks and kindest words for strangers, but make home brighter by them. Thus "home" may be made "heaven" on earth, as God intended every home to be.—*Selected.*

Crucified With Christ

By LYDIA PEARSALL

In the seventh chapter of Romans, Paul speaks of the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit. In the eighth chapter he speaks of the Spirit-filled life, and then he shows us the only way out of the seventh chapter into the eighth chapter is through the sixth chapter, the death route.

In Paul's early ministry he said, "I die daily." At the close of his life he said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20).

In speaking of the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit, Paul cried out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" he, no doubt, was thinking of an old Roman custom for those sentenced to death. This punishment was to bind a corpse face to face with a man sentenced to death. The victim had to walk around with the corpse bound to him until he died.

So it is with many Christians, they are bound to the body of death, their old life, the deeds of the flesh; and if they do not find freedom from this bondage it will result in spiritual death. Therefore Paul cried out, "O wretched man. . . who shall deliver me. . . ." He saw deliverance "through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Years ago when grieving over persecutions I had had, the Spirit whispered, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

I said, "Oh yes, Lord, it took those things to crucify me, and if those people were to apologize I'd come to life again, wouldn't I?"

Years later I was again scorching under the blazes of fiery trials almost beyond endurance. Falling on my knees I cried out, "Oh, God, why is my life like a withering blast?" The answer came, "The flesh dies hard." I said, "Oh, God, I thought I was dead so many times. How can I know when I am dead?"

The answer, "People don't know when they die. They enter into rest. They cease their struggling."

Oh, dear ones, truly there is a rest for the people of God. Many fail to enter in through unbelief.

Not my way, but God's way; not my

will, but God's will. When our disappointments become His appointments, and we can be still and know that He is God, he will give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Praise His name!

"A child of God—how blest to know
He watches me where e'er I go.
Although the night be black and chill
He speaks unto my soul, 'Be still.'"

"And when it rains, or winds arise,
He stills again my troubled cries;
And when the way is rough and steep,
He lifts me up to mountain peak.

"And when my path leads down the slope
He whispers to me, blessed hope,
And soon I find my heart is blest
In meadows of His precious rest.

"I care not now where He may guide
For He is ever at my side;
And when in the most trying place
He then reveals His smiling face.

"Somehow, I've learned in my few years,
His perfect love does cast out fears,
And when new tests in life arise
I find in them some blest surprise."

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Deep Crucifixion of Our Finer Parts

There is not only a death to sin but in a great many things there is a deeper death to self—a crucifixion in detail, and in the minutia of life—after the soul has been sanctified. This deeper crucifixion to self is the unfolding and application of all the principles of self-renunciation which the soul agreed to in its full consecration. Job was a perfect man and dead to all sin; but in his great sufferings, he died to his own religious life; died to his domestic affections; died to his theology; all his views of God's providence; he died to a great many things which in themselves were not sin, but which hindered his largest union with God.

Peter, after being sanctified and filled with the Spirit, needed a special vision from Heaven to kill him to his traditional theology and Jewish high churchism. The very largest degrees of self-renunciation, crucifixion, and abandonment to God, take place after the work of heart-purity. There are a multitude of things which are not sinful; nevertheless our attachment to them prevents our greatest fulness of the Holy Spirit and our amplest cooperation with God. Infinite wisdom takes us in hand, and arranges to lead us through deep, interior crucifixion to our fine parts, our lofty reason, our brightest hopes, our cherished affections, our religious views, our dearest friendship, our pious zeal, our spiritual impetuosity, our narrow culture, our creeds and churchism, our success, our religious experiences, our spiritual comforts; the crucifixion goes on till we are dead to all troubles, all sorrows, all disappointments; equally dead to all praise or blame, success or failure, comforts or annoyances; dead to all climates and nationalities; dead to all desire but for Himself. There are innumerable degrees of interior crucifixion in these various lines. Perhaps not one sanctified person in ten thousand ever reaches that degree of death to self that Paul and Madame Guyon and similar saints have reached.

In contradistinction to heart cleansing, this finer crucifixion of self is gradual; it extends through months or years; the interior spirit is mortified over and over on the same points, till it reaches a state of divine indifference to it. A great host of believers have obtained heart purity,

and yet, for a long time have gone through all sorts of "dying daily" to self, before they found that calm, fixed union with the Holy Ghost which is the deep longing of the child of God. Again, in contradistinction to heart cleansing, which is by faith, this deeper death to self is by suffering. This is abundantly taught in Scripture, and confirmed by the furnace experience of thousands.

Joseph was a sanctified man before being cast into prison; but there the iron entered into his soul, (see Psalm 105:18, margin), and by suffering he reached the highest death of self. There are literally scores of Scripture passages like Ps. 71:19-21, teaching that the upper ranges in the sanctified state are wrought out through suffering. Perhaps the most remarkable passage of the Word on this subject is in Romans, fifth chapter; the first verse teaches justification by faith, the second verse teaches full salvation by faith, and verses three to five teach a deeper death and fuller Holy Ghost life by tribulation.

When the soul undergoes this deeper death of self, it enters into a great wideness of spiritual comprehension and love; a state of almost uninterrupted prayer! (of boundless charity for all people); of unutterable tenderness and broadness of sympathy; of deep, quiet thoughtfulness; of extreme simplicity of life and manners; and of deep visions into God and the coming ages. In this state of utter death to self, suffering, sorrow, pains and mortifications of all kind are looked upon with a calm, sweet indifference. Such a soul looks back over its heartbreaking trials, its scalding tears, its mysterious tribulations, with gentle subduedness, without regret, for it now sees God in every step of the way. Into such a soul the Holy Spirit pours the ocean current of His own life; its great work henceforth is to watch the motions and movements of the Spirit within it, and to yield prompt, loving, unquestioning cooperation with Him. Such a soul has at last, in deed and in truth, reached the place where there is "none of self and all of Christ."—G. D. WATSON.

The preacher who trims his message to suit the people will soon whittle his usefulness away.

SOWS GOSPEL SEED

R. W. Griffin has eight large tract boxes out in the service of distributing gospel literature, including one in San Quentin prison



R. W. Griffin

and one in Folsom prison. Each box holds from three to five thousand tracts which are made available to many people in need of learning the way of salvation.

"The Lord caused the Sea to go back . . . all that night" (Ex. 14:21).

All that night the Lord was working,
Working in the tempest blast,
Working with the swelling current,
Flooding, flowing, free and fast.

All that night God's children waited—
Hearts perhaps in agony,
With the enemy behind them,
And in front, the cruel sea.

All that night seemed blacker darkness
Than they ever saw before,
Though the light of God's own presence
Near them was, and sheltered o'er.

All that night that weary vigil
Passed; the day at last did break,
And they saw that God was working
All that night a path to make.

All that night, O child of sorrow,
Canst thou not thy heartbreak stay?
Know thy God in darkest midnight
Works as well as in the day.

—Selected.

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Mobilization In Britain

Everything in Britain is mobilized for the winning of the war—everything and everybody. Two out of every three persons—not men alone but women and children, too—who are able-bodied and between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five are working full time in the armed forces, in civilian defense, or in war industries.

Seven million British women have been registered for the draft. Unmarried women between twenty and thirty are being sent into the uniformed auxiliary services of the army, navy, and air force. Women of any age can be drafted for war work. Already 5,500,000 trained civilian defense workers, 4,400,000 fire fighters, 2,000,000 invasion-repelling Home Guards—all civilians who undertake these duties after the day's turn in mill, mine, or field is finished.

Industrially, the 6,500,000 unionized war workers cannot quit their jobs nor can they be fired without government permission. In the factories joint labor-management committees work out what troubles arise, be they problems of personnel or production.

One home in every five has been destroyed or damaged by bombs, and more than 44,000 civilians have been killed in air raids.

Great Wealth

The editor of the periodical *Chemistry* estimates the potential value of the Dead Sea water at one trillion, two hundred and seventy billion dollars—which is about four times the wealth of the United States, or practically equal to the wealth of rest of the world put together!

J. C. Penny Speaks

James Cash Penny, frequently called, "the man with a thousand partners," is one of the story-book characters of modern America. Born in Hamilton, Missouri, son of a Baptist preacher and farmer, his success story centers on the application of the Golden Rule in business. Starting in a modest, side-street store in a Wyoming mining town, in 1902, his business today includes 1,600 and more stores all over America.

He has been active in the Christian Endeavor movement, and as a member of the

Advisory Council of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

He writes:—

"Recent events have not shaken my faith in the ultimate triumph of Freedom and Justice, for I was reared by parents whose faith in God and belief that right will triumph eventually is too deeply ingrained in me to doubt its final victory.

"I do emphasize the words 'ultimate' and 'final,' for I am not at all sure we may not have to pass through a period of great trial. I am of the opinion we are in prophetic days, when for a time evil is to hold sway and apparently to override the good.

"We have been told plainly that such a state would exist and I believe we must accept these conditions and possibly greater tribulations as part of the world's destiny without losing faith that in due time right will triumph over might. As long as we believe in the existence, in the justice, and the Holiness of God, we cannot believe otherwise.

"As long as we have faith at all in God, we must know that He is All-powerful, that His Will for the world is justice and right and that eventually His Purpose will be established here on earth. Good emerges slowly, but we must not doubt its final victory.

"These are my convictions as to the world aspect in its relation to an overruling Providence."

Giant Planes

Lockheed has been working for more than two years on a leviathan designed not to carry fifty-seven passengers and a crew of seven but capable of carrying twice that number. Powered by four 2,500-horsepower engines and boasting a cruising speed of 283 miles per hour, a good 100 miles per hour higher than most transports, this Lockheed wonder plane is the ideal type for the rapid movement of troops.

This plane, which was partly designed by Howard Hughes, is the one he and Henry J. Kaiser plan to turn out in great numbers.

Its sponsors estimate that forty such planes could transport 16,000 troops to Alaska in twenty-six hours, 7,500 to Hawaii in forty-eight.

If used as a cargo ship its makers state that twenty-one C-46's making three trips a day from India, could replace the 4,650 trucks that used to carry supplies to China over the Burma Road.

Poll Prayers

Is public prayer at the polls, in the attempt to influence an election, illegal? Not if the prayers are conducted at least 50 feet from the polling place, ruled Kentucky's Assistant Attorney General Guy Hardman. The question came up in September elections during which six Kentucky counties went dry. One anti-prohibitionist leader complained: "We were up against an uncontrollable trend. Women prayed at the polls."

Said Hardman, in his opinion: "The object of this praying doubtless is for the purpose of influencing the voter and holding out to him some condemnation in the next world for his action, yet if the praying was done 50 feet from the polls it would be permitted. I do not think it can be considered intimidation because no force is applied. Whether a voter is influenced by this praying at the polls depends a good deal on the voter. Besides, unless you could establish that praying (alleged intimidation) affected the result, it would not invalidate the election."—*Pathfinder*.

The Army and the Church

The drafted army which is being formed has been called the greatest religious dislocation in the history of America. Within the next five years no less than 10,000,000 young men, between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five, will be uprooted from their normal civilian relations and transferred to areas of service under the control of the Government.

It is stated that there are now 606 chaplains on active duty, and that the number will pass the 1,500 mark by next July.

Religious worship in the Army will be taken out of improvised buildings and the open fields in a historic construction program that will provide 604 chapels in posts, camps, and stations throughout the nation where soldiers of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths may have their devotions in an appropriate setting.

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News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ATWATER—George R. Wood has resigned as pastor and has gone into evangelistic work in the East.

AUBURN—The South Sacramento Valley District had a fine fellowship meeting in Auburn on October 12. Evangelist O. A. Hart, who was then holding special meetings there, spoke in the afternoon, and Brother W. T. Gaston brought the message in the evening service. Maurice H. Luce is the pastor.

BOONVILLE—Brother Homer Thompson and bride are the new pastors.

CALISTOGA—Sister Mary Ayers was there for four services recently. The week before that J. D. (Mainline) Coons gave them four services. New folk are coming out to Sunday School, and increasing interest is being shown in the children's services. Sister Myrtle Hynning is the pastor.

DELHI—Plans are being made to burn the mortgage on the church building at the fellowship meeting of the South San Joaquin Valley District to be held there November 16.

ELY, NEVADA—Interest is increasing in the work there. Geo. Kiser is the pastor.

FORT BRAGG—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there on October 5. Sister H. L. Marlenee of Covelo gave a stirring message in the afternoon. Evangelist E. J. Holmes brought a timely message on the *Latter Rain* in the evening service. District Presbyter L. F. Wilson held a round-table discussion with the ministers between the afternoon and evening services. They decided to keep the fellowship meeting schedule as long as possible in spite of the rubber shortage and gas rationing. E. Paul Johnson is the pastor.

FORTUNA—The Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by Sisters Mayverine Baker and Viola Leshner was very successful. Brother and Sister Richard Havner held a good meeting there in September. Joseph L. Thomas is the pastor.

FRUITLAND—The September fellowship meeting of the Redwood District held there was a blessed day to all who attended. George S. Clough spoke in the morning service. Sister Richard Havner was the afternoon speaker. District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond was the evening speaker, and he also conducted the dedication service at which time the Fruitland Church was dedicated to the work of the Lord. Brother Clough remained for a week's meeting. Sister Lydia Graner's recent ministry there was a real blessing. The pastor is Wesley E. Bliss.

GALT—J. P. Liebig has resigned as pastor. He is now open for calls.

GARBERVILLE—Sister Cecilia Nixon is the new pastor.

HAWTHORNE, NEVADA—Brother and Sister Roy E. Denney report the blessing of the Lord on the new work in Hawthorne. Some have been saved recently. They hold the Sunday services in the Legion hall. So far it has been impossible to rent a building in which to hold services during the week, but they are busy holding street meetings, jail services, and cottage prayer and Bible study meetings.

LAKEPORT—Brother Stanley Webster is now pastor of the church in Lakeport.

MONTE VISTA—Sisters Iola Johnson of Turlock and Ella Brown of Madera assisted with the work in Monte Vista during the months of July, August, and September. They were of great blessing to the community, especially in their ministry among the children and in visitation work.

Brother John Lindvall of Waterbury, Conn., and Brother Ray Unsderfer of Naugatuck, Conn., were recent visitors and brought an interesting account of the work in the eastern states. Arthur Lindvall is the pastor.

OAKLAND (Bethel Tabernacle) The Second Annual Missionary Convention is being held the first week of November, November 1 to 8 inclusive. From Saturday morning, the 7th, until the annual missionary offering is received at the close of the Sunday morning service, will be observed as a season of prayer and fasting. During this period friends are asked especially to remember the closing Sunday services that a goodly missionary offering of lives, intercessors, and money may be had on that day to the glory of God, the salvation of heathen souls, and the cause of missions everywhere.

The convention motto is "This do in remembrance of Me." Since this is the theme it is but fitting that the convention should open on the first Lord's Day around the communion table. It is to be remembered that the First Great Foreign Missionary broke His body and shed His blood for us. Therefore the week will be begun by the re-dedicating of lives to the Lord and His service.

This year the gathering will be blessed by the presence of missionaries who have recently returned from internment camps in the war zones, as well as others from other mission fields of the world. From Tuesday through Friday there will be an afternoon and evening service each day. Missionaries will address all meetings. From 7:30 to 8:30 each evening it is hoped to present views of the missionary field. Each evening, also, the convention will be addressed by Pastor L. R. Keys of Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco. R. H. Moon is the pastor.

OAKLAND (Tabernacle of God)—Evangelist Maurice Contreras held a good meeting for Pastor Oliver Foth early in October.

OAKLAND (Temple Church)—Evangelist Cecil E. Grice has been holding revival meetings for Pastor E. Wm. Anderson since October 18.

QUINCY—Sister Bernice Schliecker of Lovelock, Nevada, was the afternoon speaker at the recent fellowship meeting held there. Brother Krimmer of Fallon spoke for the C. A. service, and Sister Elsie McBride of Susanville was the evening speaker. Melville M. York is the pastor.

ROSEVILLE—Russell Griffin, formerly of Dinuba, began special meetings with Pastor A. A. Lowe on October 18.

SALINAS—Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. Coffee of the Kansas District held meetings during October for Pastor Fred Reichert.

SACRAMENTO—Marcus Gaston has accepted the call to be Assistant Pastor at Bethel Temple in Sacramento where his father W. T. Gaston is the pastor. He began his ministry there Sunday, October 25.

San Francisco (Bethel)—District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond was the speaker at the district C. A. rally held in Bethel Church Monday evening, September 28.

TRACY—Evangelist Maurice Contreras conducted a three-weeks' revival meeting at the Glad Tidings Assembly. Six souls were saved, and a spiritual feast was enjoyed by all. Floyd Thomas is pastor.

TRANQUILITY—W. A. Frazier has resigned as pastor and has gone to Oregon to hold evangelistic meetings. Sisters Ella Brown and Iola Johnson have taken the pastorate.

TULELAKE—E. C. Goutier is the new pastor.

TURLOCK—The South San Joaquin Valley District fellowship meeting was held in Bethel Temple the third Monday of September. District Presbyter T. E. Woods was the afternoon speaker, and District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond brought the evening message. Allen J. Brown is the pastor.

WHEATLAND—The parsonage has been completed and is now occupied.

WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA—Sister Lois D. Wagner has joined Sister Caroline Slattery in the ministry there as her co-worker. Let us remember these two home missionaries in prayer.

WOODLAND—Evangelist Nicholas Pirolo conducted a campaign from September 16 to 20. The meetings were well attended, and considerable interest was manifested in the prophetic messages.

Miss Jean Spurgeon, 1942 graduate of C. B. I., who had charge of the services while Pastor Morse Hammond was away conducting evangelistic services in Dunsmuir, has returned to her home in Tyler, Texas.

YUBA CITY—Sunday, October 18, Brother Stanley McPherson began a revival campaign in Calvary Tabernacle with Pastor C. E. Lebeck.

WORLDLINESS OR GODLINESS

by M. P. BOHNET

Our condition reminds me of the children of Israel when Pharaoh of Egypt sent his army after them. It seems that the old devil has us hemmed in on every side. There seems nothing but a sad outlook. The night is dark and stormy and more clouds of storm hang on the horizon. Many of God's people are on a toboggan slide, blindly gliding fast toward an awful precipice. Worldliness has crept in in an alarming way (you needn't frown, possibly it has crept in on you). I often wonder what God thinks of us human beings, when He sees that our hearts are so filled with the cares of life, instead of Him.

In the New Testament we are warned much more against the world and worldliness than even against the devil. The diabolical world spirit has fastened itself upon many folks who think that they are free, but who are indulging in offensive and objectionable worldly pleasures that rob them of their spirituality.

"Love not the world neither the things that are in the world, for if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)

"Friendship with the world is enmity with God." (James 4:4)

"He that is born of God overcometh the world." (1 John 5:4)

The world and the church never have been friends, neither ever will they be. Whenever the church of the living God lets down its bars, and walks after the fashion of the world, it will lose its power.

The early church knew nothing about programs or sacred entertainments. Nowhere do we find in the New Testament that they had any kind of entertainment to keep the young or old. *They went by the riverside to pray.* We have gotten away from God's pattern. (You will find God's pattern in the book of Acts and in the Epistles.) Whenever they prayed the Glory of the Lord came down and filled the house. When this tabernacle (that is the body) gets filled with the Glory of God, all entertainments, picnics, and parties are cheap and we will not desire them. God's people are crying everywhere for a fresh visitation from God in our midst. We want the old-time fire and not a lot of pomp and show. When will we see signs and wonders in all our services?

Answer: When we will be willing to pay the price.

We have drifted so far from God's order and plan that it is high time that we halt from our foolishness and go back to our Bible studies and prayer meetings, and repent and pray, and repent and pray, until God will forgive us and give us another chance. If my people will repent and seek my face, *I will hear from heaven.* But we neglect from time to time to take time to be holy. That word *neglect* is a monster of a word. It has kept folks from church, it is keeping folks from going to heaven, and it is keeping you from getting God's best.

Have the worldly cares robbed you of your sweet communion with God? Has your labor kept you so busy that you no longer can see spiritual things? Is there a mountain of doubt that hinders you from seeing the Glory of God? Is there a stone to be taken away? Jesus said, "Take away the stone." But Martha, the sister, said, "Lord, by this time he stinketh, for he had been dead four days." Jesus saith to her, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" Now this man Lazarus was as dead as any man could be, but, when he came in contact with Christ he became very much alive.

It is so with every sinner on earth; he is dead. It doesn't make any difference how much you strut, unless you are born again you are dead in trespasses and in sin. Unless you are born of the Spirit you are a corpse. The reason there is so much unpleasant odor in many churches is because there are too many dead folks in the church. If Jesus would come into some of the churches throughout our land, I believe he would do the same thing he did in days of yore. He drove them out and said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

We have talked "apple sauce and brown gravy" until we have suffered uncleanness from the pulpit to the pew. The sooner we mean business with God the better off we will be. If house cleaning is necessary, may God give us grace to do it. When Jesus arrived at the graveside of Lazarus he did not say, "Brother Smith, you go into the tomb and wash him and put a new suit on him, then we will baptize

him and he will come to life." NO! What he needed was life! not a new suit, not cleansing from without, for a man when he has life within will cleanse himself without. *"He that hath the Son hath life."* He is the source of life; so when you come to Calvary you come to life, for it is the fountain of life.

Why did Jesus wait when he was called to the bedside of Lazarus? They were all concerned when he was dying, and they said; "Oh that the Master were here." But finally he took the last breath, and it was all over, and all hopes were gone. Why did the Master wait? He wanted to bring them out of the natural into the supernatural. Here is just our downfall. We talk about the supernatural things. We say Christ is supernatural, and yet our lives are very natural. I mean we live too much in the natural. Why? Because we put so much confidence in man instead of in Christ. *"They that put their trust in God shall never be moved."*

Gideon strutted with a big army of thirty thousand, but God took the strut out of him. Twenty-two thousand left him, then another nine thousand seven hundred left, and when the natural strength was gone, God worked with signs and wonders through the three hundred.

It is *"not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."* I believe when we have put our guilt away and when He sees our complete obedience, we need not pray very long and plead with God to send us another revival, *it will come like a flood.*

"A waitress or a porter would hold some folk in contempt if they offered them the same tip they offer God when the collection plate goes by."

SILENT SUPREMACY

"Blessed are ye when men shall revile you." Mat. 5:11. A certain man had been saying some very severe things about a former friend of his, when a third party went to the one who is the victim of the assault and said: "What do you want us to do about this man's talk?" To this the injured one replied with calm gravity: "Let him alone. I can stand it if he can."

Evil has a way of taking its own revenge, so that we can well allow it to go on unfought some times. The bitter man will suffer from its own bitterness. The unjust man will realise little joy of his illgotten gain.—*Zion Herald.*

Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY XXVIII

THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

Chapter 16

It is distinctly stated that in these seven last plagues "is filled up the wrath of God." They "complete the expression of God's wrath" (Smith-Goodspeed). In the Con. Ver. the words rendered in our A. V. "the seven last plagues," are rendered "the last seven calamities." This world has witnessed innumerable calamities; the times in which we live are pregnant with calamities. But what is a calamity from the viewpoint of some is very often a triumph from the viewpoint of others. The German victories in Belgium, the Netherlands, and France, were calamities from the viewpoint of the citizens of these countries, but from the viewpoint of the Germans they were triumphs, and over these triumphs the people of Germany rejoiced. So it will be at the time of the end when the prayer of Psalm 79:12 shall be answered, "Render unto our neighbors seven-fold into their bosom their reproach wherewith they have reproached Thee, O Lord." In Germany, and elsewhere in the earth, today, and in other days, Jehovah has been and is being, reproached; and Jehovah's earthly people, the Jews, have been, and are being, mistreated. Since the day of grace has not yet ended, God is withholding the thunderbolts of His wrath, and the prayer of the people ground under the heel of oppression, a prayer that the sword of Justice may be unsheathed, remains unanswered. But the time is at hand when Jehovah will delay His judgments no longer.

It will be at the middle of the week that the two Witnesses will be slain and will rise from the dead, and ascend into heaven; and just before this shall take place Antichrist will assume the role of "the beast," having been assassinated and having risen from the dead, being raised up by the power of the devil for the express purpose of being indwelt by Satan who will, as a result of the "war in heaven," have been expelled from heaven and have come down to the earth, "having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (12:12). It will be at that time "the great tribulation" will begin. There has been a conflict between light

and darkness, between righteousness and unrighteousness, between God and Satan, ever since the fall of Lucifer, but for some wise purpose God has permitted the conflict to go on, without launching thunderbolts of His wrath with a definite design to end the conflict. But the Word of God definitely reveals the fact that the conflict is to end some day; and as the time draws near for the end of the conflict there will be such a blitzkrieg launched against the powers of darkness as will startle heaven, shock the earth, and ultimately paralyze all the powers of darkness. This remarkable blitzkrieg is the subject of this wonderful chapter.

Mark the fact that the angels with the seven vials act under divine instructions.

I. The First Plague (verse 2)

The first angel poured out his vial upon the earth, and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and which had worshiped his image. This will doubtless immediately follow the setting up of the image of Antichrist, and the decree of the beast that all must be marked in their foreheads or in their hands, and that none can buy or sell except those who are thus marked (13:16, 17). Multitudes will bow down to the image, and multitudes will receive the mark. Then this angel will empty his vial. The Greek word rendered "noisome" is *kakos* and is rendered "bad" in 2 Cor. 5:10, "evil" in Rom. 12:21, 1 Cor. 10:6, and 2 Tim. 2:9, "ill" in Rom. 13:10, and "wicked" in Matt. 21:41. In the Con. Ver. the words rendered in the A. V. "a noisome and grievous sore" are rendered "an evil and malignant ulcer." This is the first of the judgments awaiting all who worship the image of the beast or receive his mark, and it will doubtless be a judgment that will utterly incapacitate them for business and will cause excruciating pain. They will have worshiped the image in order that they might continue to live, and will have received the mark of the beast in order that they might continue to transact business, and now they will find themselves in the midst of great suffering and incapacitated to do the business they received the mark of the beast in order that they might do. It will be a most

terrible "calamity" but it will be only the first of a series that will deepen in intensity as the fearful months of the tribulation drag on.

II. The Second Plague (verse 3)

The second angel poured out his vial upon the sea, and the waters became as the blood of a dead man, and every living soul died in the sea. Nothing like this has ever occurred. Think of the stench to be caused by the waters of the sea becoming as the blood of a dead man, and of the additional stench produced by the death of the innumerable creatures that inhabit those waters. The dead carcasses will float upon the surface in such large numbers that the surface will be literally covered with them, for the sea teems with life down to its very depths. When the frogs died in Egypt they were gathered together in heaps, "and the land stank" (Ex. 8:14). But at the time of the end it will be impossible to gather all these dead carcasses together in heaps, and doubtless a most fearful pestilence will be bred.

III. The Third Plague (verse 4)

The third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of water, the sources of the supply of that beverage that is essential to the welfare and the life of man, and the waters became blood. Moses was given power to turn water into blood in the land of Egypt, and he used the power that had been delegated unto him. It was a miracle, and the miracle will be duplicated, but on a much larger scale at the time of the end. And the verses that follow (5-7) point out the fact that these judgments are indeed just. The earth-dwellers will have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and God will give them blood to drink. The earth will be full of consternation in these awful days. In Egypt when the waters of the Nile were turned unto blood "all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink: for they could not drink of the water of the river" (Ex. 7:24). What will the earth-dwellers do after the third angel shall have poured out his vial?

IV. The Fourth Plague (verses 8, 9)

The fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun, and the sun scorched men

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FILIPINO CONVENTION

November 25-28, 1942

I humbly announce that the Fifth Annual Convention of THE FILIPINO ASSEMBLIES OF GOD (branch of the General Council of the Assemblies of God) will be held this year in the Upper Room Mission, San Jose, California. Elder Max Freimark is the pastor of the assembly. The convention will begin the evening of November 25 if the Lord should tarry. We extend our cordial invitation to all ministers of the District and to the saints and friends to attend this happy gathering.

On the opening evening, there will be a special rally of all Pentecostal believers of like precious faith. The following three days there will be services morning, afternoon, and evening. Plan to attend these precious days of Christian fellowship.

We are privileged this year to have our beloved District Superintendent of the Northern California and Nevada District Council, R. J. Thurmond, as our guest and main speaker. That we may see you in this gathering is our prayer. Able Filipino ministers have also been secured to speak. Come and be refreshed in this gathering.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,
E. C. LAGMAY, *President,*
Filipino Assemblies of God.

MISSIONARIES SAFE

Sister Ruth Couchman arrived in Peru on October 7. She was accompanied by Sister Pansy Blossom, former missionary to China, who is now her co-worker.

Pastor Harry Oeth of Ceres has a public address system for sale. It is both A.C. and D.C. He also has the platform to put the speaker on an automobile. Anyone interested may write him at P.O. Box 339, Ceres, California.

Virginia Wilson, Box 153, Ferndale, California, has a C Melody Saxophone for sale.

"The capacity for knowing God enlarges as we are brought by Him into circumstances which oblige us to exercise our faith! so when difficulties beset our path, let us thank God that He is taking trouble with us, and lean hard upon Him."

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to our Brother J. Narver Gortner in the loss of his brother, Ross Aiken Gortner, who passed away October 7. He was a scientist of both national and international reputation in the field of chemistry and biology. At the time of his passing he was professor of biological chemistry at the University of Minnesota, and National President of Sigma Xi.

CALVARY

God saw the hellward course of men and He raised the screen of Mount Calvary in prophecy in front of hell but the race rushed on to hell, and finally He placed His only Son upon the cross, and He said: "Surely they will reverence my Son." But men today are climbing over the Cross, and over the blood of Calvary into hell.—*Selected.*

A LOST OPPORTUNITY

When Dr. Chalmers was a guest in the house of a nobleman, among the gentlemen present was an old highland chieftain who kept his eyes fixed on Dr. Chalmers and listened to his conversation with intense interest. The subject was pauperism, and its causes and cure. At night the Doctor, whose room was near the chieftain's, heard a heavy groan, and on hastening to him found him dying of apoplexy. As the company stood around, Dr. Chalmers, the very picture of distress, said tremulously: "Never before did I see the meaning of that text—'Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season.' Had I known what was to happen I would not have dwelt upon this evening's topic. I would have preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified. You would have thought it out of season, but ah! it would have been in season, both as it respects Him, and as it respects you."—*Elim Evangel.*

W. M. C.

This came in a letter from one of the groups: "You no doubt received a circular regarding the opening of a Children's Home in Juneau, Alaska; and the request that different ones send bedding, etc., to furnish the rooms. Our ladies were quite enthusiastic, and replied readily with two lovely boxes of things. However, we met with disappointment when the two boxes were returned to us, having gotten only as far as Seattle, Washington. The complaint was that they were too large and too heavy as packages cannot be larger than a total of 42 inches long, or weigh more than 11 pounds. This is slightly larger than a shoe box. We thought that there might be others who would attempt to send things and spend the time and postage unnecessarily."

I would like to thank the group personally for sending in this information.

MRS. R. J. THURMOND,
Director.

We must preach, not after the manner of doctors of divinity, but after the manner of those unlearned and ignorant men in the olden time who had been with Jesus, and learned of Him. Brethren, some of you have too much armor on. Put it off: be simple, be natural, be artless, be plain spoken, be trustful in the living God, and you will succeed. Less of the artificer's brass, and more of heaven-anointed manhood is wanted: more sanctified naturalness, and less of studied artificialness.

—C. H. SPURGEON.

Mrs. Violet Frith, whose death was noted in the Glad Tidings Alumni News last month, was a member of our ministerial fellowship since 1932, but was not a member of our Ministerial Benevolent Fund. Sister Frith was a zealous consecrated Christian worker, and though her ministry had been curtailed in recent years due to sickness, she lived a life of victory with her heart in the work of the Lord. She always lived in faith of returning to active ministry.

Our deepest sympathy was extended Mr. Frith, with regrets that Brother Renfroe and I were in the East at the time of the funeral.

R. J. THURMOND,
District Superintendent.

District Council News

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SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

Just 117 days since the end of Camp Meeting! That's almost four months! I wonder what all those pledges are doing in the file there? Don't they say they will be paid in 90 days Hmmm—here's one that says it will be all paid up and out of the way in 30 days . . . something unforeseen must have prevented. Yes, most of them say *with the help of the Lord, I promise* to pay 90 days from date to. . . I am sure that the Lord is faithful to help—the trouble must be somewhere else.

I wonder just what we have here. Think I'll take the time to tally them up on the adding machine. The question is—which shall I tally first, this bundle, or that one made previous to 1942? No, I won't have to do that one, it already has a slip on it showing a total of over \$800.00! One of those pledges made in 1939 adds the word *sure* after the words 90 days. Something "sure" must have happened to that one. Well, that didn't take so long after all. All the outstanding pledges for 1942 come to exactly \$630.00.

Let me see—if all of the pledges would come in this month, I could balance the Building Fund account; the front walk could be put in; the ground in front could be landscaped so that people would know it is a church, and not ask, as someone did the other day, if it were a dance hall. I wonder what we can do to get those pledges in. Guess we'll have to pray. Well, back into the file you go.

Wait a minute! Here is another bundle of pledges! World Missions. . . I remember that day . . . three good sisters from separate mission fields spoke. God anointed each one, and how our hearts responded as we caught just a little glimpse of the need of those in darkness. Yes, everyone of us said in our hearts, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Or if I can't go, I'll give so someone else can go. We did give, too! Let me see . . . I think I was the one who took the offering that day. It wasn't hard to do, for the Lord had moved upon the hearts of the people and they gave freely. More than a thousand dollars in pledges and cash was given that afternoon, and here is all that

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

November 2—Stockton, Hayward,
Lower Lake, Reno, Nev.,
Rohnerville
9—San Francisco (Glad
Tidings)
16—Delhi, Vacaville
17—Yreka
23—Hollister

is left of the pledges. . . Where is that adding machine? There. . . \$332.50. If that money should come in this month, I wonder if it wouldn't be very useful in helping to bring some missionary home whose chosen field of labor is about to be overrun with the forces of war. Wouldn't it be terrible if some missionary should be left to the cruelties of a concentration camp just because someone forgot about the pledge he made last camp meeting. I guess we'll have to pray harder than ever now!—R.J.R.

NOTE

Some are asking about the Midwinter Convention dates and place. Definite announcement will be made in the next issue.

I am anticipating meeting with the District Presbyters who may attend the C. A. Convention in San Jose, and will discuss this with them then. I trust all will be there.

Let everyone make a special effort to attend this convention. It is the last one before gasoline rationing, and it might be the last one for the duration.

Pray much for a gracious time of spiritual blessing upon the C.A.'s and all who attend.

R. J. THURMOND,
District Superintendent.

Faith and works are partners; they cannot be dissolved without getting both out of business as they must work jointly to receive heaven's cooperation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Beloved in Christ Jesus:

Another busy month has gone by since last report and new problems are facing us all, due to gasoline rationing, but we are trusting the Lord to help us in this need. Even though fellowship meetings and conventions may be curtailed for the duration, we trust the morale and spiritual life of the people will be kept up through church services and pastoral calls. I anticipate going out over the field by bus and train as is needed and will be happy to continue visits for services as possible. We have endeavored to locate in Oakland for more convenient travel facilities, and contact, but thus far have been unable to find a suitable place. Pray with us that the Lord will direct about this. If it is His will, I am sure something will open up for us though we would indeed regret to leave our home and the campground. However in considering the matter from all angles, it would seem to be the advisable thing to do for better administration and more central location of the office of the District Superintendent.

My itinerary since last report has been as follows:

September 12—Eureka, Saturday evening service.

13—Trinidad, morning service; McKinleyville afternoon; Blue Lake evening.

14—Fruitland fellowship meeting and dedication of new church.

15—To Cottage Grove with Brother George Kasparian.

16—Tulelake fellowship meeting; travelled with Brother Kasparian.

17—Redwood City business meeting and election of Brother E. R. Gomes as pastor.

20—Live Oak, morning service; Oroville, evening service.

21—Turlock fellowship meeting.

22—Atwater business meeting.

27—Berkeley, morning service; Palo Alto, evening service.

28—Bethel Church, San Francisco, speaker at Peninsula District C. A. Rally.

29—Glad Tidings Bible Institute opening, morning; Home Missions Committee

meeting at Richmond, afternoon and evening.

October 1—Sebastopol service and business meeting.

4—Vallejo—Services morning and evening filling in while Pastor Cornwall was away.

5—Oakland—attended East Bay District ministers meeting in afternoon; Esalon Fellowship meeting for evening service.

6—Tuolumne, evening service.

11—Isleton, morning service, visiting new Filipino work. Sacramento, Roseville Highway, Faith Tabernacle for evening service.

13—Placerville, service and church affiliation business meeting.

Along with a few personal calls on ministers and presbyters who were on the route of my itinerary the other days were taken up mainly with office work.

I found the Lord graciously blessing the pastors and members in the places visited and also in the fellowship meetings and C. A. Rally where times of refreshing and manifestation of the Spirit of God was seen and felt. Some feel the loss of members going to the defense areas more keenly than others but are encouraging themselves in the Lord. God bless these pastors and members and may we ever continue to be Pentecostal in life and service as well as in name.

As I travel and minister over the district the hospitality and kindness shown is deeply appreciated. It was the happy privilege of Mrs. Thurmond to accompany me on the Redwood District trip, to enjoy the services and fellowship, and to see some of the works the Woman's Missionary Council has been assisting.

God bless you one and all and may your ministry continue to be approved during these days of war and uncertainty. 2 Cor. 6:3 to 10.

Sincerely,

R. J. THURMOND,
District Superintendent.

The recent suicide of Felix Lloyd Powell, co-author of "Pack up your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," is a testimony to the fact that it is easier to preach than it is to practice. The only real solution to the problem of worrying is found in the Scripture: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." (Psalm 55:22).

LEST THOU ALSO BE TEMPTED

(The following was written by an inmate of San Quentin prison. He was a Christian youth with aspirations of becoming a minister, but sin brought him to the place where he now is. However he has turned back to God in repentance and with the desire that the rest of his life be dedicated to serving Him Whom he has found afresh. May the grace of God be his portion, and he be kept for years of usefulness which lie ahead.—Ed.)

It is almost a universal practice to condemn a man who by yielding to temptation has come to the sad state of becoming a criminal.

It would be a waste of words to say anything other than that crime is an act of sin. But sin is a principle inherited by all. When a man is seen before the magistrate, any man can say, "But for the grace of God, there I stand."

Does the fact that a man is convicted of a crime nullify the grace of God toward him? The answer is reverberatingly NO! The grace of God abounds the more toward him. His need is greater. "For where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (Rom. 5:20.)

Does the fact that he has sinned against the law of God and man ban him from forgiveness of those sins? The answer comes back, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10.) "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa. 1:18.)

Man's attitude is not so forgiving. In the eyes of some the wrong done in a few minutes' time voids all the good that has been done the rest of a lifetime. The Scripture says, "Considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Gal. 6:1.)

What should be the convicted man's attitude? He realizes that he has done wrong; he needs no one to remind him of that fact. When he is truly repentant before God, he finds "he that is forgiven much, he loveth much."

Men in prison do not want your sympathy. They realize that they have done wrong. What they want is your prayers. They want your moral support; the chance to meet you on your own level, a chance to rehabilitate themselves. If you in the free world do not take this attitude, then

the efforts of those who labor unceasingly to bring this about, labor in vain.

Should it be held against a man because he has been convicted of a crime? Perhaps you let an opportunity slip by at some time to lead some one to Christ, and now that man may be the one you condemn. God's Word says "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12.)

What are you doing toward bringing God to these men in prison. Your prayers? Words of encouragement to those who have found Christ and are trying to bring others to this knowledge? Writing to any you might know that are in prison? You do not realize what your influence means. If you neglect this, it is noticed. A man is more sensitive under these conditions. He feels that the whole world has forsaken him, and he becomes discouraged. He is tempted to feel that there is no use to try. It is not an easy matter to live a Christian life in prison.

Read your newspapers. Juvenile delinquency is on the increase. These children may tomorrow be the inmates of the prisons. Their future and destiny can and should be controlled today. Imprisonment will not bring about a change of heart; it will only bring resentment and breed hatred. I know whereof I speak. But thanks to God's grace which was extended to me, all that is past.

If only you could be made to realize how very little it sometimes takes to commit a wrong that is unlawful, that in some cases it is unintentional, you would understand. Until one has tasted fully the shame of wrongdoing he cannot fully appreciate what a man goes through.

Finally; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted, bring Christ to these men in prison, to those delinquent children. Bring the gospel with a spirit of meekness, of love, of compassion. As you have received mercy, also show mercy.

Martin Bormann, Rudolf Hess's successor as leader of the Nazi Party organization, is notoriously anti-Christian. He is the author of a private memorandum, which was circulated recently among high party officials, demanding that all Christian teaching among young people in Germany cease. He has even greater powers than those enjoyed formerly by Hess.

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CONVENTION CALL

DEAR FELLOW C. A.'s:

Within a week after you read this page, we trust that we will be seeing you at San Jose! Somehow we feel that as we meet with the Lord that He is going to do something very special for us. Certainly if we pray and believe, He will! Praise the Lord!

We hope that you will attend this convention if it is at all humanly possible. Several things prompt us to say this. First of all, the chaotic times in which we are living demand our best as Christ's Ambassadors. We are sure that the Lord will increase our vision and renew our zeal for Him as we reconsecrate ourselves to Him. Then, the increasing "pull" of the world necessitates a closer walk with God, and a more definite separation. Too, it is a question whether such conventions as this will be possible in the future. That is a bridge we are not going to cross until we come to it, but I say this so that we might avail ourselves of this opportunity to meet together, realizing that we may not have such an opportunity again.

The program is printed elsewhere in this issue of the Glad Tidings. But here are a few items of interest concerning the convention:

THE DATE: November 6, 7, and 8.

THE PLACE: Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School Auditorium

THE CITY: 19th and E. Santa Clara Streets

San Jose, California

CONVENTION SPEAKER: Floyd L. Hawkins, of Fresno, California.

Brother Hawkins is the pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Fresno, and for years he has been active in young people's work all over the United States. He has served as the C. A. president of two of our districts, namely: the Texas-New Mexico District, and the Southern California District. He has a God-inspired message that will challenge the best in every young person who attends the C. A. Convention.

In the days that are left before the convention begins, let us pray an "effectual fervent prayer" that a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit might be visited upon our young people.

In Calvary's bonds,

Your C. A. Executives.

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

LET'S CANVASS FOR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS!

Public school is in progress once more, which fact tends to stabilize a community somewhat, hence affording us a good opportunity to canvass the town and neighborhood for new Sunday School scholars.

First: we must map out the community; the territory we desire to include in the canvass. Let's remember, however, that it is always better to have a small field intensively covered than to assume the responsibility of territory too large for the working capacity of your Sunday School.

Second: secure your census supplies:

We must not make the mistake of sending our canvassers out without proper equipment. Census cards may be secured through our *Gospel Publishing House* at Springfield, Mo. Also there are a number of splendid forms, tracts, printed invitations, etc. suitable for distribution during your canvass. (Send to the *Gospel Publishing House* for samples.)

As to the number of census cards to order—the recognized population of the territory plus one fourth, will probably be a safe estimate.

Third: enlist your Canvassers!

Call a meeting of your Sunday School staff, and secure their services if possible; for who should have this great work at heart more than they? Other volunteers may be used also, as a large number of workers will be needed, or I should say, "The more the better" (provided they are qualified).

Take time to pray for a burden for this task, and wisdom to undertake it. Each worker should feel a responsibility as he undertakes his share of the work.

Instruction should be given each worker in advance, that no part of the census be taken carelessly or untactfully. "Courtesy, Christian love, and tact will usually open the door into any home."

If the canvass can be made in a single afternoon, it will be to your advantage. A prolonged canvass usually loses its enthusiasm and interest.

Included in the canvass should be a report not only of the possible members of

the Sunday School proper, but also prospective members for both cradle roll and Home department.

Immediately after the canvass is taken or completed, another workers' meeting should be called to report the results and to discuss steps for visitation and enlistment of prospective new members. Letting as little time lapse as possible will tend to keep the interest up.

Now comes the real work of the canvass. Each teacher is given a list of prospects for his or her class. Visits are made, invitations are sent out, Christian boys and girls are enlisted to make special calls, etc. Everybody goes to work! We must not let anything hinder us—we are pulling the nets!

Let's take a possible example of what might take place: Let's say that we have located a family of five that are prospects for our Sunday School. The name of the father has been given to the men's Bible class teacher; hence that teacher calls in that home in behalf of the head of that home. The name of the mother is on the list belonging to the teacher of the women's Bible class; hence that teacher calls in that home. There are three children; one, an Intermediate, another one of the children is a Junior, while the third is in line for the beginner department. All of the teachers in whose classes these pupils would be, call in that home, each one to invite the pupil the age of the class that he teaches. Five teachers call in that home! How can we better convince a family that we are interested in them for Sunday School?

To cap the labor of the canvass and visitation campaign, it is a grand idea to have a Rally Sunday. Appoint Welcome Committees, have Rally day souvenirs and rewards. Be sure that every teacher is on his or her toes to get the names and addresses of each new member. He or she, too, must do all in his or her power to make each new pupil feel welcome, and go home saying, "I'm glad I came, I'll see you next Sunday!" And when they do, don't forget to give them the Gospel!

SISTER MAST.

OUR CORNER

Our Bible Journey Continues

Dear Boys and Girls:

Greetings in the Name of our Pilot, Jesus!

This month we will take an imaginary airplane trip over Bible territory, and see what we can see. Better take your telescope of Bible knowledge, as I will name the objects and you tell who or what they remind you of.

All ready? Let's take off!

Looking down on Mt. Moriah, I see an altar, and the sacrifice is a boy! A ram is caught in the bushes close by. Who does this remind you of?

We are flying low now, over the Jordan river, and I see a pile of 12 stones on the bank. What does that remind you of?

Below us now is a vineyard in Timnath. Along the roadway there I see a dead lion with bees buzzing over it; you have to have good eyesight to see them, but they are there. Who does it remind you of?

I guess we've circled a little, because we are back over the Jordan River again. This time I see a man bathing in its muddy waters. He looks like the captain of the hosts of Syria; could he be — — — — —?

I believe we are now flying over the palace of the king of Persia. Out away from the palace in someone's back yard I see a great gallows; it must be 50 cubits high. Who does it remind you of?

Our plane now is headed from Jerusalem toward Gaza. It's desert below us, and through the desert is traveling a colored man in a chariot; he's reading something. Running to catch him is another man. A hitch-hiker? No, maybe a preacher. Who could he be?

Below us now, I see a garden, a garden of olive trees. Of whom does this remind you?

Over the sea now. On the shore I see a fishing boat and nets—someone has left it! Who?

Flying low again, outside a city, I see stones stained with blood, a Christian's blood. Who do they remind you of?

Now before going back to the airport, let's take a look at this great field of waving grain below us. It's ripe and ready to harvest. Take a good look at it boys and girls! Doesn't it remind you of something very important that Jesus said?

PERSONAL MENTION

The LIGHT BEARERS QUARTETTE is now working for the Lord in Idaho. The girls expect to remain there for a while.

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Sister LILLIE FOSTER is working for the Lord in Chula Vista, California, working for the establishment of a church there.

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J. D. (MAINLINE) COONS is back in California after a three months tour through Oregon and Washington working among the army and navy camps giving out new Testaments and *Revelles* to the service men, and carrying the gospel tidings everywhere he went.

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Brother E. C. LAGMAY, Filipino evangelist is now busy for the Lord in revival meetings in Oklahoma. In Taloga the building would not hold the crowds that came to hear him.

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Sister ROSIA SAUER is working among the Spanish-speaking people in Petaca, New Mexico.

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While Pastor J. E. STILES was gone to Oregon to conduct special meetings Evangelist JUNE GARRARD preached in the Hayward church Sunday mornings. Mrs. Stiles ministered at the rest of the meetings during his absence.

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While Pastor and Mrs. H. T. LANGLEY were on vacation, Brother ALBERT OGLE occupied the pulpit in the Assembly of God Church in Modesto.

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Brother JOHN NICOLICH sends in the following report:—

"The sick need our visits. I was able to visit Weishaia Sanatorium, Awahnee Sanatorium, Bret Hart Sanatorium, Weimar Sanatorium and Colfax Sanatorium. Many of the sick ask me for Bibles, and I was able to send them 70 New Testaments. Because of these Sanatoriums being up in the mountains, not many come to visit them. Many of the sick love to have some ministers come and pray for them and tell them of Jesus' love. I was also able to visit most all the hospitals in the San Joaquin valley. Thank God for such opportunity to visit the sick and needy. Do remember me in your prayers."

"Another man may be just as religious as you are, even though he does not use the same words to describe his experience."

Let's read John 4:35-36 and Matt. 9:36-38 tonight before we go to bed. I'm sure that you will agree with me that we've got a job to do!

Praying for you,

YOUR SISTER MAST.

G.T.B.I. ALUMNI

Russell Pratt, '41, is now a member of the Faculty of G.T.B.I., and is Director of Music at the Temple. For the past year, Brother Pratt has been with the Southwestern Bible School in Texas.

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Here is an "echo" from Kenmore, N.D., where Sister Dolly Gibson and Helen Fanning, '41, are laboring. "We have been here since April 12, and the Lord surely has been good to us. No great revival, but souls have been saved and received the Baptism. Then, too, we held our first water baptismal service July 26. How wonderful it was to see some of those we have helped to know the Lord following Him in this step. It thrilled us through and through! We began having Sunday School and Morning Worship Service on September 13. Please pray for us as we surely do need your prayers. We feel so incapable of taking care of this work, but we know God has led us here, and He will strengthen and lead us."

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Brother and Sister J. W. Nilsen, '27, write from Africa: "We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing the work here. Recently several of our Christians have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Surely there is much work to be done, and so few to do it. One of the tribes among whom we are working seem very hard to reach with the Gospel, but when they do become Christians, they seldom backslide. We are praying that there might be a definite break among them. Most of those converted are among the Kinyakyusa who are more open to the gospel. Please pray with us that God will do a real work of grace among the Safwa tribe also."

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This interesting report comes from Elizabeth M. Turner, '27: "The last two years I have been laboring in the Northwest District at Pe Ell, Washington. Miss Doris Marsh, a graduate of the University of Washington, is my co-laborer. Since we commenced our work here, we have seen the painting of the church and parsonage, both inside and out. A new addition to the parsonage has also been completed. We secured shovels and dug over 3,000 square feet of soil and planted a lawn. We now feel qualified for any such W.P.A. job.

"Recently we closed a very good evangelistic meeting. Many attended these services who have never been in a Pentecostal church before.

"To any Glad Tidings graduate who happens to be passing by, we extend an invitation and the promise of a hearty welcome. We are located 26 miles southwest of Chehalis, Washington."

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Martin Brunswick, '24, writes from Eagle Point, Oregon: "We had a blessed revival campaign with Evangelists June Locke and Helen Wilson from Medford, during which time eight were saved and one backslider was restored. All were young people. These sisters also conducted a successful summer vacation Bible school with an enrollment of over 70.

Being just two miles from Camp White, we are the closest church to this army camp. We shall be glad to contact any young men who are in training at the camp. If friends and relatives will send the names of boys at the camp we shall do all we can to help them. We also have a beautiful trailer camp with space for small cottages and tenthouses just opposite the church. It is located on Little Butte Creek, and has shade trees. Anyone employed at the camp will find it convenient.

NEW ARRIVALS

Brother and Sister Emil A. Balliet, now in Minneapolis, Minn., are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter born September 19.

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Little Larry Max Drent came to live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Drent, and brings great joy to his grandparents, Brother and Sister Max Freimark.

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"Something new has been added" to the home of Brother and Sister Jack Opie, pastors of the campground church. Little Jack Delwyn was born on October 3.

WEDDING BELLS

rang again in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco on Sunday evening, October 18, when Homer Thompson and Pearl Bertch, both graduates of G.T.B.I., class of '42, were united in marriage at a very pretty service. Pastor L. R. Keys performed the ceremony.

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The War Department announces that \$12,816,880 has been appropriated to build these chapels within six months. In appearance they will look like the typical small church found in every community in America—the slanted roofed frame building with steeple at the front. Costing \$21,220 each, they will have seats for 500 soldiers. Every chapel will have an electric organ.

The chapels will be used at different hours by the chaplains of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths and there will be office space for all of them. Incorporated in the buildings will be an ark to hold the Jewish Book of the Law—*Christian Victory*.

Two Million Testaments Purchased

The *Gideons*, meeting in Cleveland in July for their annual international convention, consummated the biggest business deal of their history when they placed an order for 2,000,000 New Testaments which will be distributed free of charge among U.S. armed forces all over the world. This will make a total of 5,000,000 Testaments which the *Gideons*, an organization of Christian business men, have made available for distribution to soldiers, sailors, marines, and nurses.

Since 1898, when the *Gideon* society was organized, 2,000,000 copies of the Bible have been placed in hotels, hospitals, schools, and penal institutions in 31 countries, an official reported.

Conversions in Army Camps

According to *Religious Digest*, during the month of April, 1942, a total of 1,613 conversions, acceptances of Christ as Saviour, confessions of faith, reclamations, confirmations, and adult baptisms were reported by chaplains in the American armed forces.

Bigger Buildings

We've got a new building in Washington that is just being broken in. It's the Pentagon building, housing most of the bureaus of the War Department, in Arlington across the Potomac from Washington.

They say you can walk 26 miles through its corridors without retracing your steps. It has 135,000 telephones. Seventy elevators take the occupants up and down its six stories. The cafeterias seat 8,000 at a time; there are 21 snack bars for milk and sandwiches.

Evangelist Wilbur Chapman vouches for the truth of this incident. A tramp, an escaped convict, entered his former childhood's first—and only—church home. Before leaving, he stood up and testified as follows:

"My father and mother used to sit in this pew. It is the first church I ever attended. My father was an officer in this church. Seven boys used to sit in this pew in the Sunday School class.

"We had a great love and respect for our Sunday School teacher. Saturday afternoons she invited us to her home, entertaining with music, eatables, and a look at the lesson.

"After awhile, anxious to please and hold us, she taught us the names of cards and how to play some of the simpler card games. None of us had ever played cards, but we soon became enthusiastic over it, learning different games. After awhile, we would not give so much time to the lesson, but she would let us have more time playing cards, and would show us some more tricks. Later, we were off in the cotton gins, playing cards and not going to her home. Soon we failed to go to Sunday School or church. Cards, cigarettes, drinking and gambling soon took up all our spare time. Each of us at different times left our homes.

"Two of these boys have been hanged;

But the latest story they are telling is that Western Union messenger entered it one day and got lost. A search was about to be started for him, when he emerged at the other end—a lieutenant colonel in the ordnance department.

Bike Evangelist

The *Moody Church News* carries an account of the work of "The Bicycle Evangelist," Rev. Mark J. Goodger. In 30 months he has traveled 27,000 miles by bicycle through 45 states of the union. He has held meetings in churches, missions, prisons, hospitals, road camps, juvenile homes, boy's clubs, country schools, and talked to many a person along the highways of our land. If automobile tires become scarcer why not dedicate bicycles to the salvation of souls! Brother Goodger has set us a good example. It is still a lot easier for us to get around with the Gospel than it was for the early Christians who covered the Roman Empire.—*Prophecy*.

three are in state prison for life; one is a tramp like myself, and no one knows where he is; and if the authorities knew that I was here, I would be arrested and put behind the bars. Oh! how I wish that teacher had never taught us how to play cards."

As he stood there, broken-hearted, a lady at the right and near the pulpit, dressed in mourning, arose and went over to the man. She fell to the floor, screaming, and said, "My God! I am that Sunday School teacher!"

She fainted and we did not know but what she was dead. But she revived and left the church. She was never seen again at that church and the man has not been seen since.

Many professing church members consider bridge and other card games as innocent diversions. But any form of gambling is an abomination in God's sight. In honest trades, both buyer and seller gain. But in gambling and games of chance, one gains what another has lost.

As Christians we should never indulge in anything that may cause another to fall into sin. "Wherefore," saith God, "come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters."

SUPPOSE

"Suppose," says this little verse, that we had to read at nightfall all we had said during the day, wouldn't we try a little less talking to do?"

If all that we say

In a single day,

With never a word left out,

Were printed each night

In clear black and white—

'Twould prove queer reading no doubt.

And then, just suppose,

Ere one's eyes he could close,

He must read the day's record through;

Then wouldn't one sigh

And wouldn't he try

A great deal less talking to do?

And I more than half think

That many a kink

Would be straightened in life's tangled tread,

If one-half that we say

In a single day

Were left forever unsaid.

—*War Cry*.

STUDIES IN REVELATION

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with fire and they blasphemed the name of God, who had power over these plagues, and whom they recognized as the Sender of them, and they repented not to give Him glory. Dr. Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal in Britain, says that the sun may pass into what he calls "a 'nova' stage." "When the sun is ripe for the catastrophe," he says, "we shall have little, if any, preliminary warning. The sun will rapidly swell, and its output of heat will be such that the oceans will be turned into vapors, and the trees, forests, cities and everything combustible, will be burnt." The Word of God told us, long before the day of this astronomer, that "the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3: 10). But, preceding by a thousand years the time when this prophecy shall be fulfilled, this judgment when the fourth angel shall pour out his vial upon the sun will fall upon the earth-dwellers who will already have been panic-stricken by the judgments of the preceding plagues.

V. The Fifth Plague (verses 10, 11)

The fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness—"was plunged in darkness, and men gnawed their tongues in anguish and reviled the God of heaven for their sufferings and sores, but they would not repent of what they had done" (Smith-Goodspeed). It has been supposed by some that there will be at this time a fulfillment of the prophecy that "immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened" (Matt. 24:29), and so we find William Easton in his *Gleanings in the Book of Revelation*, writing, "it may come as a surprise, to some at least, to think of the tribulation ending at this stage; the usual thought being that it goes on to the close of Daniel's seventieth week, and is ended by the appearing of the Lord." His argument is that "the moral darkness (if not literal darkness) which brings in such confusion and disaster, added to the pains and sores which fell on them in the outpouring of the first vial, will completely turn them away from their hostility and persecution of the Jews," and so the great tribulation which is "the time of Jacob's trouble" will end. Other judgments will follow in quick succession, and with terrible fury, but the Jews will be spared. But I can see no reason why we should regard this darkness

as the darkness our Lord spoke of. *This* will come at an earlier stage of the tribulation period; *that* at its very close.

VI. The Sixth Plague (verses 12-16)

Carefully read these verses. Note how miracles will be wrought at the time of the end. They will be wrought by demon power, under the supervision of the devil who will indwell the Antichrist; and God's object in letting the devil exercise this power will be that "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" may be gathered together for the final conflict at which time the Lord shall be revealed from heaven, accompanied by His saints, and the battle of Armageddon shall result in the complete overthrow of the allied armies of earth under the leadership of the beast. It is evident that verse 15 is a parenthesis, and that it does not indicate that this period marks the hour of the rapture, or that there will be no rapture, as some assert, only the revelation and that at the end of the week. I was once preaching on the subject of the coming kingdom, portraying its blessedness, painting a picture of the time when the rapture and revelation having both taken place, and the Lord having been enthroned upon the throne of David in Jerusalem, the lion and the lamb were lying down together, all the nations living in peace, and every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree, somebody jumped to his feet and gave a message in tongues, and the interpretation was given; it was a warning that Christ is coming soon, and that each of us should be ready. So, it appears, this warning here is a warning in the midst of words that describe what will occur after the rapture shall have taken place.

VII. The Seventh Plague (verses 17-21)

Here we are taken up to the very end, the same end to which we are taken under the sixth seal, under the seventh seal, and under the seventh trumpet. The very next thing on the program is the glorious appearing, the coming of Christ on the White Horse. The earthquake here spoken of is the same that will spread such consternation and terror among the earth-dwellers that they will hide "themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and say to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come!" See 6:16, 17. Mark what the voice from the throne said, "It is done!" With the outpouring of this sev-

enth vial which will culminate in the battle of Armageddon and the elimination of Antichrist and the false prophet, and their allied armies, from the scene of action, the stage will be cleared for the setting up of the kingdom of the Son of man. The work of ejecting the usurper will be completed under the outpouring of the seventh vial, and soon thereafter the whole earth will welcome and swear allegiance to the King of kings, and He will begin that reign which will continue until He shall have "put down all rule and all authority and power."

"God fades from the vision of the man who neglects to pray."

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Eastbay Assembly of God hour.

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Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of Modesto

8:45 a.m. Thursday
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SPEAKER: **FLOYD L. HAWKINS**, Fresno, California, who has served as C. A. President of the Texas-New Mexico District and also C. A. President of the Southern California-Arizona District C. A.'s.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

10:00 A.M. SPEAKERS: **ROBERT CARRINGTON**, Secretary-Treasurer Northern California-Nevada C. A.'s.
E. WM. ANDERSON, Vice-President Northern California-Nevada C. A.'s.

2:00 P.M. **GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE — Student Body**

3:00 P.M. SPEAKER: **OLIVER L. FOTH**, President, Northern California-Nevada C. A.'s.

6:30 P.M. **Parade Through Downtown San Jose**

7:30 P.M. SPEAKER: **FLOYD L. HAWKINS**

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

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